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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Planning, Programming and Budgeting

SUBJECT : FY-1969 Budget Level Reductions

REFERENCE :

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1. Reductions of program levels in the Directorate Program Call for FY-1969 include two issues of substantial impact to our programs.

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4. ORD can live within their allocation but I believe the reasoning behind part of the overall cut was erroneous. While I have no quarrel with the cancellation of the [REDACTED] R&D effort if the decision is made to drop projects such as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a FY-1968, the result of [REDACTED]

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would be the effective elimination of [REDACTED] Division if funds were not reprogrammed back into it. I understand paragraph 2. d. of the referenced memo to mean deletion of [REDACTED] as noted above, but not the abolition of any further [REDACTED]

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5. I agree in principle with the approval of the allocation of resources for exploratory R&D, in spite of the fact that the funds must be taken from other projects planned for FY-1969. A modest sum for advanced concepts and exploratory R&D, perhaps 5 to 10% of the R&D budget, is not only a good investment, but also a vital necessity in any R&D program. It is all the more vital in ours where we are required to develop scientific and technological solutions to problems facing the intelligence community which are not known to the academic and scientific research community in general. Given the need to explore new and innovative concepts even though they may not at the moment be directly mission-oriented, I believe it is more proper for management to have a specific allocation for this work than to have confirmation of reprogramming authority. Exploratory R&D can stand on its own merits and should

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not have to be funded at the expense of projects past the concept stage and planned for development.

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